

**VENTRICULAR PACING FOR PREVENTION
OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION**

Abstract

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A method and apparatus for preventing atrial fibrillation arising from a premature atrial contraction. Upon detection of a premature atrial contraction, a pace is delivered to a ventricle at a specified AV interval selected as either a late-pace or early-pace value. The resulting ventricular depolarization then occurs during a time when the

10 atria are not vulnerable to the triggering of fibrillation.

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